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Title: LASER UNIT, INSPECTION UNIT, METHOD FOR INSPECTING AND  
ACCEPTING/REMOVING SPECIFIED PELLET-SHAPED ARTICLES FROM A  
CONVEYOR MECHANISM, AND PHARMACEUTICAL ARTICLE

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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for  
examination, please amend the application as follows: